Bombay Urban Transport Project-II

££1861-B. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum from the Government of Maharashtra with regard to the Bombay Urban Transport Project II (BUTP-II);

(b) if so, what are the suggestions made therein; with cost of project;

(c) whether this project is to be financed with the World Bank assistance;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) by when the project is likely to be cleared by Government to enable the State Government to initiate action for World Bank assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra have sent a project profile for taking urban transporation project for the improvement of urban transport in Bombay (BUTP-II).

(b) The suggestions are mainly (i) for the development of sound transport policies principally in respect of demand management, (ii) decongest the roads by selective restraints on personalised transport (iii) evolve fare policies and (iv) develop effective institution building on the one hand and to make investments in the following new transport projects to encourage a new regional structure on the other:—

(1) grade separation of intersections by construction of flyovers;

(2) replacement of level crossing by road over-bridges and road under-bridges;

(3) pedestrian subways;

(4) road improvements, extension and upgradation;

(5) new roads;

(6) signalisation and traffic management;

(7) bus transport;

(8) suburban railway transport;

(9) passengers water transport;

(10) technology acquisition;

(11) technology assistance and training.

The total estimated cost of the projects works out to Rs. 1296.42 crores.

(c) to (e) During exploratory discussions, the World Bank have indicated their willingness to examine the project provided certain issues relating to optimisation of rail capacity and taking an integrated view of rail and bus transport are taken into account. A number of discussions on the projects have been held with the representatives of the Government of Maharashtra and the Ministries of the Central Government. Based on these discussions, the Government of Maharashtra have to submit a revised detailed project report indicating clearly various alternatives for raising funds for the project. The final project report has not yet been received from the Government in Maharashtra.

Minimum wages for agricultural labours

$1862-C. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum wages fixed and given to agricultural labours in different parts of the country as on date and how do they compare with the price level as at present; and

(b) whether Government propose to enhance the wages in view of the present day's level of price rise?

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